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TO: Honorable Wayne Smith, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3439 by Parker (Relating to county fiscal matters.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to remove the requirement that each deposit made in the county treasury must be made on a deposit warrant issued in triplicate. Instead, the county treasurer would be required to provide to the county clerk or county auditor duplicate deposit warrants or a written report of all deposit warrants received that contains detailed information about each warrant.

The bill would also authorize the comptroller to electronically transmit a warrant for a payment to a county treasurer, whereas under current statute, the comptroller is authorized to mail a warrant.

Under provisions of the bill, an affidavit by the county judge and each county commissioner stating that requirements have been met regarding the county treasurer's report and the county's balances and expenditures, which is currently required to be published in a newspaper, could be posted instead on the county's Internet website, if it has a website.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reports that the agency already transmits warrants electronically; therefore, there would be no fiscal impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

The changes in procedures and requirements would result in a savings to the counties, that would vary by county. The fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

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